GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW AND JUSTICE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2071
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ELECTORAL REFORMS
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Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Election Commission has proposed/recommended electoral reforms;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ)

(a) and (b): Yes, Sir. The Election Commission of India has forwarded to the Government of India a set of 22 proposals on electoral reforms, the details of which have been made available for general information of the public by the Election Commission`s Press note No.ECI/PN/26/2004 dated 2-8-2004.

(c): The process of reform of electoral laws is a continuous and ongoing process and can be carried out only through consensus among political parties and at present on the decision of the Chairman, Rajya Sabha the entire matter of electoral reforms has been referred to the Department Related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Personnel, Public Grievances, Law and Justice for examination and report which inter alia includes the proposals made by the Election Commission.